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Attached are:

- a. An eight-page report on the "Tvurditsa" Coal mine
- b. A two-page report on two new bridges near Dimitrovgrad.

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Coal Mine in the Vicinity of ~~Rudum~~ Tvurditsa 4242 N. 264E

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1. In central Bulgaria, in the vicinity of Tvurditsa, between the cities of Sliven and Kazanlak, there are located coal mines in which a total of approximately 1,300 persons are employed, including office personnel, technical personnel, miners, etc.

2. The directing, administrative, guard, and service personnel include the following:

- a) Chief of the mine, ²Slavko DINCHEV, [redacted] chief of the Communist party of the mines;
- b) Four assistants;
- c) Six engineers; the chief engineer is Todor Belev;
- d) Nine geologists;
- e) 28 office employees (cashiers, accountants, bookkeepers, telephone operators, etc.);
- f) Four nurses;
- g) Two doctors;
- h) Six guards in a 24-hour period at the Ivan Kozarov shaft;
- i) Six guards in a 24-hour period at the Georgi Stanev shaft;
- j) Six guards in a 24-hour period at the Uspekh shaft;
- k) Nine guards in a 24-hour period at the Georgi Dimitrov shaft;
- l) Three guards in a 24-hour period at the Pobeda shaft;

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- m) Twelve militiamen;
- n) Four-~~xxx~~five DS agents;
- o) Seven persons responsible for culture, sport, etc;
- p) Seventeen persons acting as cooks, bakers, etc.;
- q) Twelve persons (barbers, tailors, clerks, etc.);
- r) Twenty-two electricians;
- s) Sixty-eight technicians including drivers, assemblymen, mechanics, etc.;
- t) Twenty-four stable employees; and
- u) Sixteen carpenters.

3. The Ivan Kosarov shaft employs the following personnel:

- a) Six persons responsible for handling the Haspel machine in a 24-hour period;
- b) Sixty-six coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- c) Sixty-six assistant coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- d) Thirty-two coal shovelers in a 24-hour period;
- e) Twelve persons employed in pushing/^{coal} carts in a 24-hour period;
- f) Nine workers working on the water pumps in a 24-hour period;
- g) Twelve workers employed on the ventilators in a 24-hour period;
- h) Twelve tunnel masons, ~~that~~ i.e., ~~cmx~~ workers who reinforce with cement all wood in places where boring is to be done in order to avoid cave-ins.

4. The Georgi Stanev shaft employs the following personnel:

- a) Six persons responsible for handling the Haspel machine in a 24-hour period;
- b) Seventy-two coal diggers in a 24-hour period;

- c) Seventy-two assistant coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- d) Thirty-six coal shovelers in a 24-hour period;
- e) Twelve men employed to push coal carts in a 24-hour period;
- f) Twelve persons employed to handle the water pumps in a 24-hour period;
- g) Twelve persons employed to handle the ventilators in a 24-hour period;
- h) Twelve masons employed in reinforcing work to avoid cave-ins in a 24-hour period.

5. The Uspekha shaft employs the following personnel:

- a) Six persons employed to handle the haspel machinery in a 24-hour period;
- b) Thirty-six coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- c) Thirty-six assistant coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- d) Twenty-four coal shovelers in a 24-hour period;
- e) Nine persons employed pushing coal carts in a 24-hour period;
- f) Six persons employed in handling the water pumps in a 24-hour period;
- g) Nine persons employed in handling ventilators in a 24-hour period;
- h) Nine masons employed in reinforcing the shaft in order to avoid cave-ins.

6. The Georgi Dimitrov shaft employs the following personnel:

- a) Twelve persons employed in handling the haspel machine;
- b) One hundred-fourteen coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- c) One hundred-fourteen assistant coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- d) Fifty coal shovelers in a 24-hour period;
- e) Fifteen persons employed in pushing coal carts in a 24-hour period;
- f) Twelve persons employed in handling water pumps in a 24-hour period;
- g) Twenty persons employed in handling ventilators in a 24-hour period;
- h) Twenty persons employed in reinforcing the shaft against cave-ins.

7. The Pobeda shaft employs the following personnel:

- a) Six persons employed for handling the Haspel machinery in a 24-hour period;
- b) Sixty-nine coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- c) Sixty-nine assistant coal diggers in a 24-hour period;
- d) Thirty coal shovelers in a 24-hour period;
- e) Nine persons employed in pushing coal carts in a 24-hour period;
- f) Nine persons employed in handling the water pumps in a 24-hour period;
- g) Nine persons employed in handling the ventilators in a 24-hour period;
- h) Twelve persons employed in reinforcing the shaft to avoid cave-ins in a 24-hour period.

8. Of the above listed workers, 146 are political prisoners and the remainder are civilians. Work in the shafts is in three shifts of eight hours each.

9. Production of these mines is as follows:

- a) The Ivan Kosarov mine ~~mines~~ 32-35 tons in an 8-hour period;
- b) The Georgi Stanev mine, 28-35 tons in an 8-hour period;
- c) The Uspekh shaft, 25-28 tons in an 8-hour period;
- d) The Georgi Dimitrov shaft, 40-46 tons in an 8-hour period;
- e) The Pobeda shaft, 22-28 tons in an 8-hour period.

10. The coal extracted from the mines is transported by means of trucks to Ivurditsa. Sixty per cent of the coal is for the use of the iron industry; twenty per cent is assigned to the foundries; and ~~22~~ twenty per cent is assigned for locomotives and for civilian use. Half of the coal ~~is~~ destined for the iron industry is exported to the USSR and is transported by rail from Ivurditsa to the Black Sea or to the Danube and

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Construction of Bridges at Dimitrovgrad

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1. Two new bridges are under construction on the strategically important road which from Plovdiv lays to the East. Both bridges at the same time will facilitate connections between Dimitrovgrad, Stara Zagora, Nova Zagora, and Sliven. The strategic importance of the new bridges crossing the ^{is} Mariqa river increases in importance also because of the increased war potential in the military zone of ~~K~~askovo where a complete series of new military units is being created.

2. The first new bridge crossing the ^{is} Mariqa river is being constructed in the ~~immediate~~ immediate vicinity of the Stalin Chemical Combine located to the west of this factory. The new bridge has four supporting pilings and two retaining walls. It is built completely in reinforced concrete and is approximately 250-260 meters long.

3. The second new bridge is being constructed at a point approximately 3.5 kilometers east of the Stalin Chemical Combine and over it runs the new road which connects the two metallurgical factories of Dimitrovgrad and runs into the ^(SREDETS?) ~~Segment~~ Stara Zagora highway. This bridge also is in reinforced concrete, has four supporting pilings and two retaining walls, and is 140-150 meters in length.

4. Construction work is being carried out by Soviet technicians and the plans were drawn up in the USSR at the time when the construction of the city of Dimitrovgrad was planned.

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